on going programmes, new schemes on (i) Hi-tech horticulture through Precision Farming and (ii) Development of horticulture through Technological interventions are contemplated during the Tenth Plan.

Assistance to States under NAIS

†2790. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have reviewed implementation of crop insurance scheme in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the crops included under the National Agricultural Insurance Scheme;

(d) whether some State Governments have sought Central assistance for implementation of insurance scheme for the crops which have not been covered under insurance schemes, so far; and

(e) if so, the steps proposed to be taken in response to their demand?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) and (b) As per the provision of the National Agricultural Insurance Scheme (NAIS) and on the basis of suggestions and feedback received from the States/farming communities, review of NAIS on various counts like maintenance of Crops Fund, reduction in the unit area of insurance to Gram Panchayat level, limiting the sum insured, premia subsidy to small and marginal farmers, coverage of perennial crops etc., is under process.

(c) The scheme covers all the food crops (cereals, millets and pulses), oilseeds and annual commercial/horticultural crops, in respect of which past yield data is available for adequate number of years and the State Governments/U.Ts. have the ability to conduct

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

requisite number of Crop Cutting Experiments. Among the annual commercial/horticultural crops, eleven crops *viz.* sugarcane, potato, cotton, ginger, onion, turmeric, chillies, tapioka, annual banana, pine apple and jute have already been covered under the schemes.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

Withdrawal of assistance for earthquake in Gujarat

2791. PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is reported widely in the press that debris on the ground are yet to be cleared and the promises and resolution foregotten in the earthquake hit Gujarat; if so, what is the reaction of Government thereon;

(b) the details of institutions who actually extended help and had later withdrawn; and

(c) what are the reasons for such withdrawal of help to earthquake hit areas of Gujarat?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) According to the Government of Gujarat most of the debris in the four completely destroyed towns of Kutch district, *viz.* Anjar, Bhachau, Bhuj and Rapar have been cleared.

(b) and (c) The State Government have informed that 46 NGOs which originally showed interest had withdrawn mainly due to (i) lack of experience in complex areas like private housing, (ii) scarce financial resources with them; and (iii) inability of the partnering NGO to mobilize villagers in joining the NGO for reconstruction of the Village.